



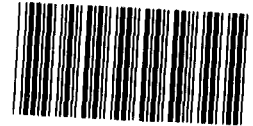
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Colonel Stephenson W. Page, USA
Commander
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Dear Colonel Page:

We recently completed an audit of the Department of the Army's fiscal year 1991 consolidated financial statements pursuant to the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-576). One purpose of these statements and our audit is to provide agency managers and the Congress with complete and reliable information to use in financing, managing, and evaluating Army programs. In order to do this effectively, the accounting records throughout the Army need to be as accurate as possible. During our audit, we identified adjustments necessary to correct the accounting records at 23 Army locations.

We presented adjustments to correct the Army's consolidated financial statements in a May 19, 1992, management letter (GAO/AFMD-92-68ML) to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service. However, many of these adjustments were projections based upon statistical samples performed as part of our audit and were made only to the consolidated financial statements, not to the underlying records.

Enclosure I shows about \$163 million of adjustments made to the financial statements that also need to be recorded to correct the accounting records at the Vicksburg District. We have discussed these adjustments with your staff and provided them with supporting documentation. They may have already recorded one or both of the adjustments. However, both the adjustments should be made by the end of fiscal year 1992. If you have any questions or require our assistance in resolving these matters, please contact Terry Carnahan, Acting Associate Director, on (202) 275-7095.

Please provide us your comments on these matters and a description of the actions taken within 30 days of the date

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of this letter. We are sending copies of this letter to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management; the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service; and the Comptroller of the Army.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David M. Connor".

David M. Connor
Director, Defense Financial Audits

Enclosure

ENCLOSURE I

VICKSBURG DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI
LIST OF PROPOSED GENERAL LEDGER
ADJUSTMENTS RESULTING FROM 1991
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

ENCLOSURE I

NO.	ACCOUNT TO BE ADJUSTED	GLAC	AMOUNTS		EXPLANATION
			DEBIT	CREDIT	
1	Fixed assets, net	1700	119,471,562.84		To remove projects which were completed both physically and financially prior to 9/30/91 from construction in progress.
	Construction in progress	1720		119,471,562.84	
2	Fixed assets, net	1700	43,579,050.59		To remove projects which were completed physically but not financially prior to 9/30/91 from construction in progress.
	Construction in progress	1720		43,579,050.59	
	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		163,050,613.43	163,050,613.43	